

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY

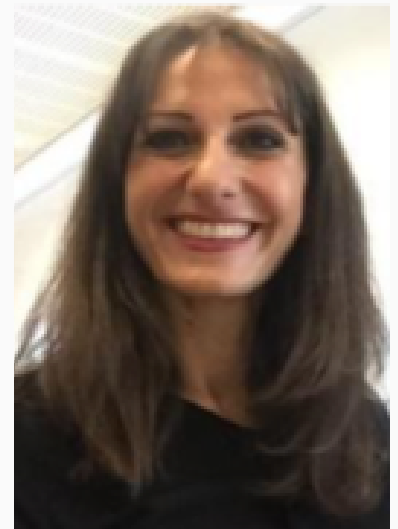
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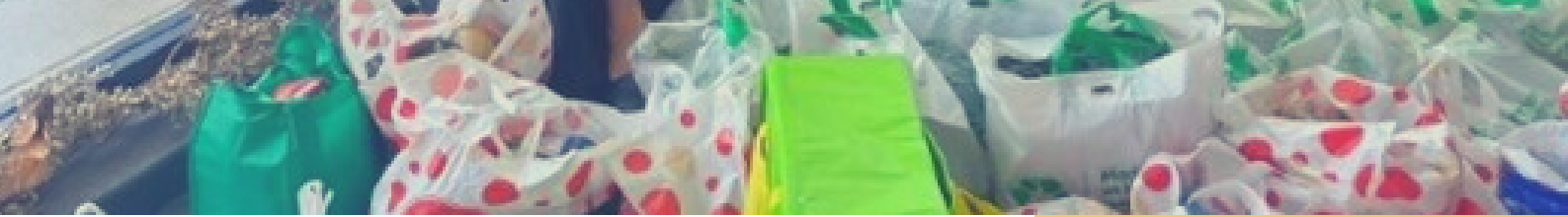
BY PAULA NICOLAS

“If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one” –
Mother Teresa

As 2022 comes to a close, with all of the COVID-19 hardships, floods, and other challenges, let's hope for a better year for everyone. In helping those who are less fortunate, St. Merkorious Charity is continuously seeking a higher cause.

We try every day to fully commit to meeting the many people who have relied on us for their needs. All our volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who keep St. Merkorious going on its mission are greatly appreciated. We wish our communities good health and blessings as we begin 2023 and anticipate a fruitful year of service and success.





Parramatta Service

THIS SERVICE IS RUN FORTNIGHTLY AT 6PM PROVIDING HOT MEALS, TOILETRIES AND HAMPER PACKS.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and staff who join together during our Monday night service in Prince Alfred Square Parramatta to help the disadvantaged. We love seeing everyone help out at this service!



**"A good man,
is a good
man,
whether in
this church
or out of it."**

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Woolloomooloo Service

SMC began the Woolloomooloo service in November 2022. Our service operates weekly from 164 Cathedral St Woolloomooloo (next to the police station) each Friday from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Our volunteers set up several stations to provide those in need with healthy hot meals, clothing, care packs including non-perishable foods and hygiene needs and much needed fellowship,



Sydney Street Feast

18 NOVEMBER 2022

In collaboration with Payce Foundation and the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, the Sydney Street Feast was held on the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral.

SMC catered for over 400 people consisting of a BBQ lunch, cake, and fruit. We are so happy so many people came to such an amazing event and wish to thank all the volunteers for their help on the day!



Parramatta Street Feast

12 NOVEMBER 2022

On Saturday 12 November, in collaboration with the Payce Foundation and the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, Parramatta Street Feast was held in Prince Alfred Square. The Parramatta Street Feast is a response to Pope Francis' call to build a more inclusive, welcoming, and generous society.

Our volunteers cooked a delicious BBQ lunch served by volunteers. The Sydney Street Choir also entertained everyone with joyful music while we shared a meal together. It was a great time to come together and give back to the community.



St Maroun's College

14 & 28 NOVEMBER 2022

Thank you to St Marouns College for volunteering their time and effort to help make hampers for those in need.



SMC Community Concert

5 DECEMBER 2022

In collaboration with Georges River Council, SMC held a community concert to start off the festive season. Our entertainment for the night was from Psalm 34, The Vine Choir and St. Merkorious Band. A great night was had by all with raffles, pizza, and snacks.

Lions Club

Thank you to the Lions Club City of Ryde for donating the goods from Good360 Australia. A big thank you from Father Greg – St Charles Parish for always keeping us in his thoughts and spreading the word about SMC



Holy Cross College - Ryde

Thank you to Holy Cross College Ryde for the wonderful donations for our Christmas appeal this year.

They provided packaged foods, sanitiser, and hygiene products for our hampers.



Visit from Rotary Club Strathfield

We were honoured to have been visited by Rotary Club Strathfield. A special thank you to President Andrew Aravanis and the awesome team, along with District Governor Dr Janice Hall and partner Mark, for their support and dedication in working together to serve the vulnerable in our community.



Rhodes Outreach Christmas Party

12 DECEMBER 2022

A great time was had by all at our Rhodes outreach Christmas Party. Our guests from Parramatta, Martin Place and Woolloomooloo enjoyed a BBQ, salad, fruit, and cakes, and participated in raffles and Christmas carols.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who attended and helped on the night to make it a huge success for all.



St Patricks Holiday Fun

A big thank you to the students from St Patricks college Strathfield for their ongoing support throughout the year. The volunteers helped prepare Christmas hamper packages and fresh food hampers to be distributed to many of our clients.



Montessori Academy

Thank you to our gold sponsor, Montessori Academy for their ongoing support and generous donations during our Christmas appeal. Various hygiene products and non-perishable goods were donated for the many Christmas hampers prepared for many families and individuals in need.



Burwood Mayors Christmas Appeal

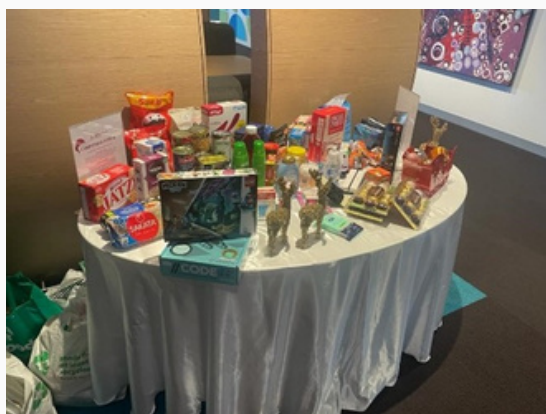
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A huge thank you to the Mayor of Burwood – John Faker, and those who generously donated and supported the mayors Christmas appeal. It was a great event attended by SMC to receive the donations raised to distribute to our clients who are going through hardships, especially during this Christmas season. The efforts of the community will go a long way.



Zoom Real Estate

A special thank you to Zoom Real Estate Burwood for donating 80 hampers this Christmas. Each item donated will go towards vulnerable families and individuals who are struggling over this Christmas period.



Tender Love and Care Disability Services

SMC had the privilege of attending the TLC annual Christmas party. It was great to catch up with CEO Yasser Zaki and the MP for Lakemba Jihad Dib.



KPMG Australia

Thank you to KPMG for donating this season by holding a Christmas Hamper Appeal for SMC. The items donated included non-perishable items, hygiene products and games.

Rovers Soccer Club - Enfield

Thankyou to Victor Rovers and the team from Rovers Soccer Club Enfield for their support with our Christmas Hamper Appeal this year.



Good Shepherd Australia & New Zealand Waranara School

14 DECEMBER 2022

The students from Waranara School come out to SMC volunteering their time to sort and pack hampers for our Christmas appeal. Thank you to all the students and teachers who gave up their time doing this, a great time was had by all.



Christmas party at Concerto Restaurant

15 DEC 2022

The SMC Christmas party for all the staff and volunteers was held at Concerto Restaurant at the Piazza, Sydney Olympic Park. It was a night to say thank you to all our volunteers who have given up a lot of time throughout the year to support our charity.



Bass High School

A big thank you to Bass High School for holding a Christmas Appeal for SMC this year. We received many non-perishable items along with hygiene products for our Christmas hampers.

St. Brendans Catholic Primary School Bankstown

A big thank you to Michelle Coupland, the staff, and students at St Brendans Catholic Primary School in Bankstown for their donations from a gold coin crazy sock day and hamper items for our Christmas appeal.



Business and Professional Women Strathfield

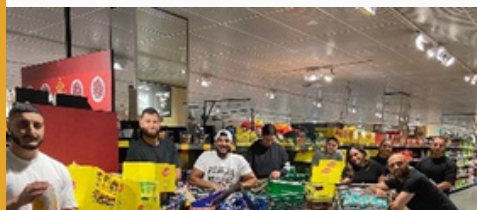
We are grateful to have received bags and donations from the president Janette Weeding from BPW Strathfield in collaboration with share the dignity. Thank you for ongoing support through the Christmas season.



Christmas Hamper Packing Evenings

The fun evening consisted of packing hundreds of hampers for our clients. The hampers included non-perishables, hygiene products and many other items. The hampers were prepared with lots of love by the volunteers hoping to make many families and individuals Christmas a little more special.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers and donors for the incredible support.





**St. Merkorious
Charity**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



TASKS WILL INCLUDE...

- Assist in our commercial kitchen
- Assist in the warehouse with sorting and packing
- Hamper packing
- Various outreach services
- Hours are flexible

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